However, analysis of figures of GCF at constant prices during the period 1998-99 to 2002-03 revealed that the GCF declined in one year *i.e.* in 2000-01. The figures of GCF at current and constant prices in agriculture (excluding allied sectors) for latest five years for which data are available are given in the following table:—

Gross Capital Formation in Agriculture (Excluding Allied Sectors)

(Rs. in crore)

Year	At current prices	At constant (1993-94) prices
1998-1999	22864	14895
1999-2000	28152	17304
2000-2001	28210	16906
2001-2002	30365	17328
2002-2003	33508	18657

SOURCE: Central Statistical Organisation.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Subsidy for rabi production

203. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved a scheme for giving subsidy to the farmers in the country to boost production of rabi (Winter) crops for the year 2004-05; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which production of rabi foodgrains is expected to increase as a result thereof, as compared to the production of two previous rabi crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Agricultural subsidies in India include subsidies on inputs like fertilizer, electricity and irrigation. However, with a view to boost rabi production of 2004-05 the Government have formulated a scheme for giving rewards to States having outstanding performance during rabi season 2004-05.

While in 2002-03 the production of rabi foodgrains was 86.38 million tonnes, in 2003-04 (fourth advance estimates), the rabi foodgrains production was 100.01 million tonnes. For the year 2004-05, sowing activities are in full swing. Assuming normal weather and related factors, as also favourable impact of the reward scheme referred to above on rabi performance, it is reasonable to expect that the rabi foodgrains production may exceed the record level of 104.29 million tonnes reached in 1999-2000.

Development of healthier variant of mustard oil

204. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint team of Scientists of Delhi University and National Dairy Development Board have developed a healthier variant of mustard oil;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the new variant has been subjected to laboratory test and found fit for consumption; and

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be cleared for field trials and made available for sale in the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) Mustard lines with low erucic acid and high oleic fraction and desired levels of linolenic and linoleic acid in oil, developed at Delhi University, are at various stages of field/lab trials. The lines will require further trials as per the guidelines of the various Government authorities.

New pricing scheme for phosphate and potassic fertilizers

205. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have evolved a new pricing scheme for phosphate and potassic fertilizers;

(b) how the new scheme is expected to help the indigenous manufacturers;